

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 14-20 are pending in this application and present for examination. Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regards as their invention. Support for the amendment is found in claim 14 as pending. As such, no new matter has been added with the forgoing amendment.

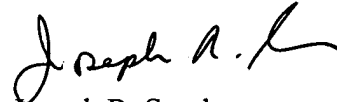
The Examiner has rejected the pending claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being obvious over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,656,492.

To obviate this rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in this matter, along with copies of the Change of Name documents for the Assignee. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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